## CITY OF REDMOND RESOLUTION NO. 1391

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, URGING THE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT AND IMPLEMENT A 2013 TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT PACKAGE

WHEREAS, a healthy transportation system is a critical foundation of our state and local economies and our quality of life, as well as our global position as the nation's most tradedependent state; and

WHEREAS, Washington state's transportation system is suffering from disrepair, with a backlog of maintenance and preservation needs, and data showing that without any new investments, more than half the pavement on our state roads and highways will be in poor condition by 2023; and

WHEREAS, failing roads and bridges, congested highway corridors, and bottlenecked interchanges undermine the mobility of vehicles, buses, and freight-carriers to transport people and goods; and

WHEREAS, the Connecting Washington Task Force released a report in early 2012, identifying \$50 billion in unfunded transportation needs and recommending an investment of \$21 billion in state funding during the next 10 years for maintenance, preservation, and strategic investments; and

WHEREAS, investing in maintaining and upgrading our transportation system is a positive step the Legislature can take to catalyze construction jobs, enhance freight mobility for our Ports, and create a pathway for retaining and growing new jobs for key industry sectors; and

WHEREAS, through SHB 1954, SHB 1955 and related bills, the 2013 Washington State Legislature is considering a 12-year, \$9.5 billion package of transportation infrastructure investments; and

WHEREAS, this package provides critical funding for key highway corridor projects throughout the state, and needs to include the State Route 520 corridor east of Interstate 405 and the SR 520/148<sup>th</sup> "Overlake Access Ramp" project in particular; and

WHEREAS, the transportation package provides a direct gas tax distribution that will provide new funding each year for Redmond to maintain local roadways and arterials and to leverage existing funding; and

WHEREAS, the package includes local transportation financing options and provides cities and counties with the authority to submit funding tools to their voters for transportation improvements in their communities, which are critical to prevent significant cuts in King County METRO transit service throughout the county, including in Redmond; and

WHEREAS, the transportation package invests in grant programs that are vital for cities and counties, including the Transportation Investment Board (TIB), the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB), "Complete Streets," Safe Routes to Schools, and Bicycle-Pedestrian Safety; and

WHEREAS, the package includes direct funding allocations for transit agencies, including King County METRO and Sound Transit, which provide transit services that carry people to and from work sites and serve local communities; and

WHEREAS, the transportation package includes capital projects for Sound Transit and would provide investment throughout the county, including in East King County, if it included preliminary engineering for the Sound Transit light rail extension between the Overlake transit Center at Microsoft and downtown Redmond; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond strongly encourages the Washington State Legislature to enact and implement a balanced transportation investment package during the Special Session to create jobs, relieve congestion, support our businesses, and maintain our quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Redmond City Council strongly supports a comprehensive transportation investment package that includes

direct funding for local roadways and arterials, grant programs, transit agencies, and transit capital projects, including preliminary engineering for the Sound Transit light rail extension between the Overlake transit Center at Microsoft and downtown Redmond

Section 2. The Redmond City Council strongly supports a comprehensive transportation investment package that includes financing options for local governments.

Section 3. The Redmond City Council strongly supports including the SR 520 corridor east of I-405 in any transportation package of investments, including key interchanges and the SR 520  $/148^{th}$  "Overlake Access Ramp".

Section 4. The Redmond City Council urges lawmakers to enact and implement a transportation investment package that includes direct funding and local financing options and funds key highway corridor projects throughout the state, including the SR  $520/148^{\rm th}$  "Overlake Access Ramp".

ADOPTED by the Redmond City Council this 4th day of June, 2013.

APPROVED:

JOHN MARCHIONE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHELLE M. MCGEHEE, MMC, CITY CLERK

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